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Magic Lantern Society **NEWS 2013**



Be Sure to LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

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Let's dive into summer ! What could go wrong?

The Mother of all Moving Pictures The Magic Lantern

From Keith Lowe

The magic lantern might be the ancestor of modern day visual entertainment, but it is still being used, today. A magnificent idea!



<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/05/22/1173730/-The-mother-of-all-moving-pictures-the-Magic-Lantern#>

The Past and Future

The Evening statesman., March 27, 1906

The Evening statesman. (Walla Walla, Wash.) 1903-1910

For the Starving Japanese.

BOSTON, Mass., March 27.—An entertainment for the benefit of the starving people of Japan will be given by the Japanese of Boston and vicinity in the town hall of Brookline this evening. A highly interesting program has been prepared for the occasion, which includes demonstrations of the Japanese art of fencing, of jiu-jitus and ken-jitsu, sword dances, music, singing, dancing and juggling. Mr. N. Kawasaki, of the Boston university, will deliver a lecture on the daily life and customs of the Japanese people, which he will **illustrate** with stereopticon **views**. A number of prominent society women are the patronesses of the netertainment.



SAVE THE DATES!
Boston
Massachusetts
July 10-13, 2014

**One year +10 days
and counting!**

We'd love to hear from you; please send all suggestions to Chairman Balzer at DickBalzer@gmail.com.

The Planning Committee is actively seeking suggestions for programs and, as in the past, the sky's the limit! Presentations on any aspect of magic lantern history, showmanship, and related areas are encouraged and welcomed. As at least part of the convention, we're planning an in-depth look at Pre-Cinema, those devices and techniques that led to the development the motion picture and hope to draw upon members and others with expertise in kinetic toys, the panorama, early animation, and...of course...the role of the lantern itself.

The Dutch Magic Lantern Site

From Webmaster Luikerwaal"

In the Newsletters of the MLS you always ask for favorite sites someone wants to share with the society members.

I want to promote my own site, the Dutch Magic Lantern site 'de Luikerwaal' (Dutch and English).

Henc R.A. de Roo
webmaster/author magic lantern site 'de Luikerwaal'.

I hope you don't mind that I am promoting here my own website..... the Dutch Magic Lantern Site 'de Luikerwaal'. In the early nineties of the past century it was the first, and for long times the only, ml-site in the Netherlands. From the beginning it appeared in two languages: English and Dutch, to make it world-wide accessible.

First of all let me explain that rather difficult name of the site. In the beginning magic lanterns were mostly used by scientists, but soon various people realized that it was a good business and took advantage of it. For instance the 'Luikerwalen', people originating from the city of Luik in Wallonia (Luik + Wallonië = Luikerwaal). Catching and killing rats had been their main activity, but when the government had prohibited them to carry the dangerous rat-poison throughout the country, they had to find a



new source of income. They started travelling all over the country to give magic lantern shows on fairs, pubs, weddings and so on. The magic lantern and accompanying slides they carried on their back, were built by themselves in most cases.

My site can be characterized as very comprehensive. Not only items that are strictly linked up to the magic lantern but also many kinds of 'side effects' are inserted. To make the site easy accessible the contents is divided in several categories, available from the homepage, but also throughout the site:

Here are some high lites of the site

Start here

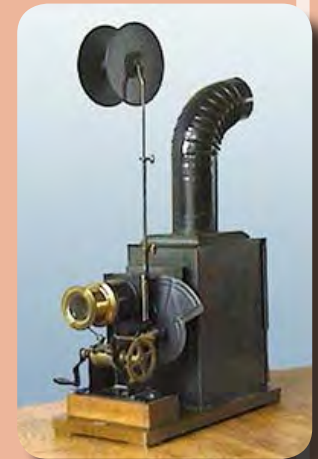
A good start when it's the first time you visit this site. Among other things you will find here extended directions for use, some introducing articles like What Exactly is a Magic Lantern and What's the Fun of a Magic Lantern, and an acquaintance with the webmaster/author.

History

Interesting articles about the history of the magic lantern and the lantern slides, the inventors, the oldest magic lantern in the world, optical toys from the time before cinema, humorous slides for a little Princess, the mystery of the wrongly placed lenses, The Salvation Army and the ML, and finally a very extended list of manufacturers and suppliers of magic lanterns.

Magic Lanterns

Wonderful magic lanterns, classed under sort or manufacturer. Cinematographs, Biunials, Episcopes, Special lanterns like the Mickey Mouse Lantern. Illuminants and other parts and accessories. Modern builders and restorers of optical instruments. Build Your own Laterna Magica.



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The Dutch Magic Lantern Site Continued

Lantern slides

Catalogues and examples of a lot of lantern slides manufacturers, special, mechanical and dissolving slides. Special effects. Live Models, advertising slides, motto slides, silhouette slides, Sing-along slides. Where do the little Children (really) come from? Cards for projection by an episcopo.

Themes/Sets

Slides sorted by subject. Complete sets. From the Bible to Punch and Judy, from the circus to the dangers of excessive drinking and much more. Bicycles, fairy tales, funny portraits, boy scouts, children's games, ships and Greek myths. Famous sets like 'The Tiger and the Tub', 'The Water-baby's', 'The Bottle', and 'The Mouse'.



And believe me..... there is very, very much more.

Henc R.A. de Roo
Webmaster/author
magic lantern site 'de Luikerwaal'.

Various/Info

Perhaps the funniest pages of this side. Children's stories, new slides for the little princess, how to raise a ghost, a monkey displaying the magic lantern, lanternists of today, trade cards, postcards, books and comic books and a large amount of other curiosities and information. Too much to mention! Info: Lists of books, manufacturers and collectors, museums, clubs, links to other interesting ml-sites, and contacts with Friends and Collectors of the Magic Lantern.

<http://www.luikerwaal.com/index.htm>



Online Issues of The Magic Lantern Gazette

From Kentwood Wells



Because many online academic journals are now linked together on the internet, the online issues of The Magic Lantern Gazette posted on the San Diego State University Library website are now available through many university libraries as if the library had a subscription to our journal. For example, the University of Connecticut has an e-journal locator, and typing in “magic lantern” provides direct access to The Magic Lantern Gazette. This should make our journal much more widely available to academic scholars.

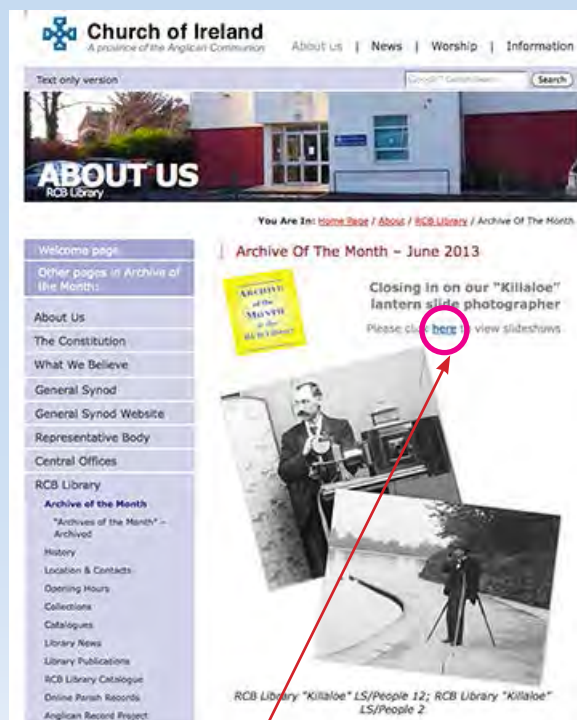
Closing in on Our “Killaloe” Lantern Slide Photographer

From Marcel Safier

For your interest, an interesting story about a collection of lantern slides by an Irish minister:

<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/128>

Link to website with some nice images and information.



When at site click here to see slide show shown at left



From David Donaldson



Various former and the current directors of the Sydney Film Festival appeared on Panel "Julie (Rigg) and the Directors" Sunday 9 June in Festival Hub, Lower Town Hall.
<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1392342/when-cinema-brought-world-to-town/>



<http://online.sffarchive.org.au>

New Website

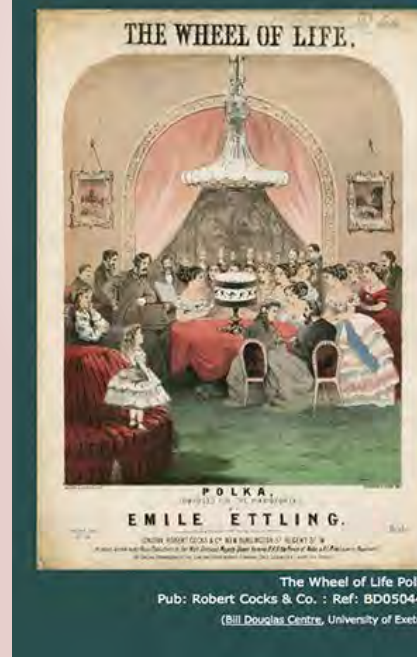


A celebration of the 19th-century spinning, twirling, optical "philosophical" toys that demonstrated the complexity of motion perception, entertained generations, and still have the power to cause wonder and delight.

<http://www.stephenherbert.co.uk/wheelINTRO.htm>

From Stephen Herbert

I've recently put online a new website,



Wheel of Life

An Introduction to the website.

What, if some day or night a demon were to steal after you into your loneliest loneliness and say to you: 'This life as you now live it and have lived it, you will have to live once more and innumerable times more' ... Would you not throw yourself down and gnash your teeth and curse the demon who spoke thus? Or have you once experienced a tremendous moment when you would have answered him: 'You are a god and never have I heard anything more divine.' [Nietzsche, *The Gay Science*, 341]

Could it be that Nietzsche's notion of eternal recurrence had its genesis in a zoetrope?

Sebastian [comment]

<http://www.themachinestarts.com/read/2013-01-the-wheel-of-the-devil-vine-gifs-idea-of-loop>

How simple they seem to be, and yet how complex they really are. The apparently obvious nature of optical toys such as the zoetrope, phenakistiscope, and thaumatrope has been one reason why so many historians of the moving image have glossed over them as quaint precursors to what really matters: cinema. A two-line description, and off we go with Edison and the Lumières. The designation 'toy' doesn't help, suggesting, with our modern take on the word, that these devices are trifles for children.

Complexity

But look at this section of just one page from William Horner's technical description of the 'daedaleum', which later evolved into the zoetrope.

Visual perception

And the complexity isn't limited to their mathematical aspect. The difficulties of understanding the perceptual processes involved in

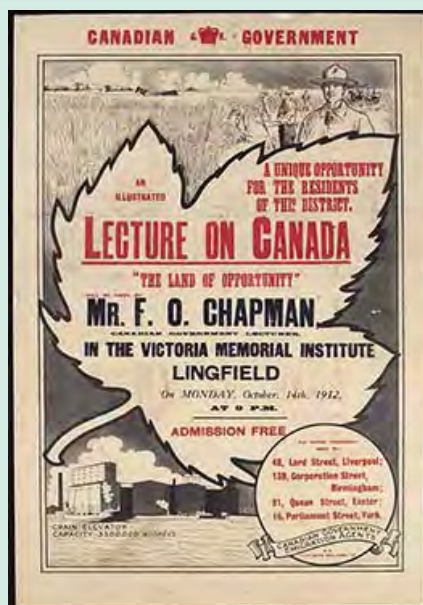
The Wheel of Life, featuring zoetrope / phenakistiscope / thaumatrope research and pictures.

Projecting Images of the Nation: The Immigration Program and Its Use of Lantern Slides

by
Ellen Scheinberg
and **Melissa K. Rombout**

The National Archives of Canada preserves several outstanding collections of photographic lantern slides which capture detailed scenic views taken across the country during the early part of this century.¹ The fragile hand-coloured glass slide, which fits neatly into the palm of one's hand, was the basis of a popular form of entertainment known as the "magic lantern show" during the nineteenth century. It was first used in Canada for government purposes by the Department of Agriculture during the early 1890s, initially as a method of promoting Canada's produce abroad and then as a vehicle to promote immigration to Canada. Shortly thereafter, the Department of the Interior, under the direction of Sir Clifford Sifton, harnessed this same medium, along with other forms of publicity, to promote immigration to the Canadian West.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/015/002/index-e.html>



From David Evans

Just to brag for a moment, the Nickelodeon has been awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence!



Revelstoke BC – 22nd May 2013 – Revelstoke Nickelodeon Museum today announced that it has received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence award. The accolade, which honours hospitality excellence, is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide. Only the top-performing 10 percent of businesses listed on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious award.

To qualify for a Certificate of Excellence, businesses must maintain an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by travelers on TripAdvisor, and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months. Additional criteria include the volume of reviews received within the last 12 months.

Member Activity

Society Member Sharing a Part of His Collection

From John Potter



Advertising slides along with an image of the shipping box.

Use of the Lantern as a Teaching Device



<http://lanternslides.wagnerfreeinstitute.org/>

The Magic Lantern Goes to the Circus

Dick Moore has been invited by the Circus Historical Society to present portions of his “The Cirque d’ Magique” collection at their 64th Annual Convention in Peru Indiana.

Peru Indiana, Home of the International Circus Hall of fame is located between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

July 18th

1:00 PM

(subject to change)

**Location: Ivy Tech
Community College,
425 West Main Street,
Peru, Indiana**

Dick’s “Cirque d’ Magique” is an extensive collection comprised of rare and unique circus historical photographic and mechanical slides that provide a vivid and scintillating view of the history of the circus, taking one back in time to “see” and “feel” the thrill of these outstanding performers and their acts – sharing visually what the historians have been writing about.

For further information regarding the Convention you may contact their web site at: <http://www.circushistory.org>

If you can attend please let Dick know, so your name can be put on a guest list.

You may contact Dick directly at rmoore0438@aol.com or at 203.215-0641.

One never grows too old for the Circus, so hopefully several of you may be able to join the convention, at least for the magic lantern portion, if not the rest of the week’s circus activities.



Fire Dive



The Three Queens

The black top tent houses the Projectoscope for early film presentations.



Hammer Gang in front of Projectoscope Tent

From Shel Izen

Here is a NICE Early Magic Lantern Slide showing the Coney Island Elephant from the boardwalk view. Look at the HUGE eyes. This slide is in great shape and is 3 1/2 X 4 inches.



Antique B&W Early Magic Lantern Slide showing Famous Coney Island Elephant #2



"Slide in great condition"
Ended: Jun 10, 2013 19:33:13 PDT

Winning bid: **US \$510.00** [15 bids]

Bid history



Antique B&W Early Magic Lantern Slide showing Famous Coney Island Elephant #2

Winning bid: **US \$510.00**

Duration: 7 days

Bidders: 6	Bids: 15	Time Ended: Jun-10-13 19:33:13 PDT
Bidder ?	Bid Amount	Bid Time
e***e (1003 ★)	US \$510.00	Jun-10-13 19:33:03 PDT
3***d (197 ★)	US \$500.00	Jun-10-13 19:33:07 PDT
4***4 (370 ★)	US \$176.99	Jun-10-13 19:33:07 PDT
k***e (155 ★)	US \$155.05	Jun-10-13 17:42:41 PDT
k***e (155 ★)	US \$151.03	Jun-10-13 15:21:34 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$149.00	Jun-10-13 18:19:46 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$135.00	Jun-10-13 18:19:35 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$124.00	Jun-10-13 17:13:39 PDT
k***e (155 ★)	US \$101.05	Jun-10-13 10:50:58 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$99.70	Jun-10-13 17:12:21 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$85.00	Jun-10-13 17:12:00 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$75.00	Jun-10-13 17:11:49 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$49.99	Jun-10-13 17:11:36 PDT
l***h (1080 ★)	US \$45.00	Jun-10-13 17:11:29 PDT
l***e (1568 ★)	US \$31.87	Jun-10-13 15:00:20 PDT
Starting Price	US \$9.99	Jun-03-13 19:33:13 PDT



More

Maybe this might be the reason for lowering the price. If this is good condition, what does poor condition look like and at what price?

Wild Honey Silent Movie Magic Lantern Glass Slide
Doris Kenyon Frank Mills



Was: **US \$50.00** Sale ends in 1 day
You save: **\$12.50 (25%)**
Price: **US \$37.50** [Buy It Now](#)

Physical Description:

Size: 4" X 3 1/4" X 1/4".

This wonderful slide is a slice of Hollywood history. This slide was produced by Novelty Slides, Inc in New York City.

Since we are not Magic Lantern experts we are not sure as to the proper terminology used in describing the condition of a glass slide (we do appreciate any comments and suggestions from sellers who specialize in Magic Lantern Slides). With that said the description of this slide is as follows:

The slide would seem to be in Good condition. The paper/felt frame is fully intact. The title coloring is vibrant but lightly faded. The glass surface does have many light scratches. The glass is cracked at the top corner (see pictures). There does seem to be some form of "foxing" between the two pieces of glass.

Buy It Now Calls For Big Price

Magic lantern theatre (theater) glass coming attraction slides. Cardboard holder states National Studios, Inc. or Consolidated Film Industries.

	VINTAGE 1933 FEMALE MOVIE MAGIC LANTERN THEATRE GLASS SLIDE CHATTERTON \$95.00 Buy It Now
	VINTAGE COUNTESS MONTE CRISTO MOVIE MAGIC LANTERN THEATRE THEATER GLASS SLIDE \$125.00 Buy It Now
	VINTAGE THE FOURTH HORSEMAN MOVIE MAGIC LANTERN THEATRE THEATER GLASS SLIDE \$125.00 Buy It Now
	VINTAGE DARK HAZARD MOVIE MAGIC LANTERN THEATRE THEATER GLASS ADVERTISING SLIDE \$85.00 Buy It Now

Unusual Slide Use



A Big Thank You to the following:

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Dick Moore
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for contributing to this months issue.

Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?
If your answer is yes! Send site information or your images to Larry and they will be shared in the next E-pub newsletter.

E-mail Larry

Welcome New Members

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Graduate Student/Gallery Attendant working on Master's thesis in Visual and Critical Studies; California College of the Arts in San Francisco

Interests: Slides: Erotic, pornographic, and ethnographic images; Kinetic devices: Erotic, pornographic, and ethnographic images; Vintage Cinema: Erotic, pornographic, and ethnographic images.

Niami, Tara Violet

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Photographer/Student

Interests: Lanterns; Slides; Literature; Kinetic Devices; Vintage Cinema

Welcome Renewing Members

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Interests: Interests: Lanterns; Slides, especially animal related; Kinetic Devices: Zoetrope

Other: Buy, Sell, Trade

Corrections/Updates to members listed in the Directory

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